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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re patent application of:  Lodewijk Van Noten et al.         | )   | Atty. Ref.: TYR-P0007                     |
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| Application No.: 10/578,239                                     | ) . | Group Art Unit: Unknown Examiner: Unknown |
| J.A. Filing Date: 10/27/2004                                    | )   | Confirmation No.: 8406                    |
| DEVICE FOR INSTALLING AN OPTICAL<br>FIBRE IN A SPLICE CONNECTOR | )   |   |

# PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT (37 CFR 1.181(a))

### Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition that the Notice of Abandonment, dated July 14, 2008, of the above-identified application be withdrawn. It is submitted that a Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office was timely filed based on the underlying facts are as follows:

- 1. The above-referenced application received a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office, mailed December 19, 2006. (See Attachment A)
- 2. On January 5, 2007, the undersigned attorney filed a Response to Notification of Missing Requirements. (See Attachment B)
- 3. The Response to Notification of Missing Requirements was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 10, 2007. A copy of the post card is attached hereto for reference. (See Attachment C)
- 4. On August 13, 2007, the undersigned attorney received a Notification of Defective Response dated August 10, 2007, indicating the oath or declaration of the inventors was not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a). Also the Notification indicated the surcharge charge of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) was not received. (See Attachment D)
- 5. On September 7, 2007, the undersigned attorney states that a Response to Notification of Defective Response, check no. 398785 in the amount of \$130.00 and return postcard in response to the Response to Notification of Defective Response were in fact deposited with the United States Postal Service via first class mail dated September 7, 2007. A certificate of mailing accompanied this Response, and attached newly executed declarations. (See Attachment E)

- 6. A copy of the return postcard reflecting the mailing date of September 7, 2007 of the Notification of Defective Response which bears the United States Patent and Trademark Office date stamp of September 11, 2007 is enclosed. (See Attachment F)
- 7. A copy of the cancelled check number 398785 mailed with the Response on September 7, 2007 is enclosed. (See Attachment G)

Accordingly, the application has been improperly held abandoned. Applicants respectfully request the above-identified patent application to be withdrawn from abandonment and proceed to examination. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0390, Baker & Daniels, the fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(h). and any additional fees that may be due in connection with this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER & DANIELS, LLP

/Eric J. Groen/

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Date Submitted: September 8, 2008

Attachments

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#### ATTACHMENT A



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| 10/578,239                  | Lodewijk VAN NOTEN    | TYR-P0007        |

International application no.

PCT/GB04/04528

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CONFIRMATION NO. 8406

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# NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/04/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/04/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/04/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/04/2006
- Assignment filed on 05/04/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 05/04/2006
- Power of Attorney filed on 05/04/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application
  by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath
  or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the
  missing items identified in this letter.

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

\$130 Surcharge.

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### ATTACHMENT B

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re patent application of:  Lodewijk Van Noten et al.        | ) Atty. Ref.: TYR-P0007(B441-US)              |
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| Application No.: 10/578,239                                    | ) Group Art Unit: Unknown ) Examiner: Unknown |
| I.A. Filing Date: 10/27/2004                                   | ) Confirmation No.: 8406                      |
| DEVICE FOR INSTALLINGAN OPTICAL<br>FIBRE IN A SPLICE CONNECTOR | )<br>)<br>)                                   |

## RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed December 19, 2006, and received in our office on December 22, 2006, enclosed is a copy of the Executed Declaration that was filed with International Application No. PCT/GB2004/004528 on October 27, 2004 pursuant to Rule § 4.17. We are providing a copy of the Declaration and request the U. S. Receiving Office make application to the International Bureau to obtain the Declaration. Also enclosed, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63, is a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements.

It is believed that no fee is required as the Declaration was on file with the International Bureau. Please charge any further fees which may be due to Baker & Daniels' Deposit Account No. 02-0390.

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Respectfully submitted,

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### **Enclosures:**

Copy of Declaration Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements PTO return postcard

#### PCT/GB2004/004528

#### PCT REQUEST

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### Original (for SUBMISSION)

VIII-4-1 Declaration: Inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) Declaration of inventorship (Rules I hereby declare that I believe I am the 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv)) for the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if purposes of the designation of the United States of America: more than one inventor is listed below). inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought. This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application). I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCF Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications", by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month, and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filling date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed. VIII-4-1- Prior applications:

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I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. VAN NOTEN, Lodewijk

1-1 VIII-4-1-Residence: (city and either US State, if applicable, 1-2 or country). VIII-4-1-Mailing address: 1-3

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| VIII-4-1-<br>2-2             | Residence:<br>(city and either US State, if applicable,<br>for country)   | Aarschot, Belgium  |
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| VIII-4-1-<br>2-6             | Inventor's Signature: (If not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filling of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent) |  |
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| VIII-4-1-<br>4-3        | Mailing address:  | Duikerstraat 12 B-3560 Bree Belgium                |
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| VIII-4-1-<br>5-1        | Name (LAST, First)  | MULLER, Jan  |
| VIII-4-1-<br>5-2        | Residence:<br>(city and either US State, if applicable,<br>or country)  | Bladel, Netherlands                                |
| VII)-4-1-<br>5-3        | Malling address:  | Bozelinusbocht 28 Mi-5531 KL Bladel<br>Netherlands |
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ATTACHMENT C

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APPLICANT: Lodewijk Van Noten et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/578,239

I.A. FILING DATE: October 27, 2004

BAKER & DANIELS LLP

TITLE: DEVICE FOR INSTALLING AN APPLICAL FIBRE IN A SPLICE CONNECTOR

EXAMINER: Unknown CONFIRMATION NO. 8406

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#### ATTACHMENT D



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## NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

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- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/04/2006
- Assignment filed on 05/04/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 05/04/2006
- Power of Attorney filed on 05/04/2006

Applicant's response filed 01/10/2007 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 12/19/2006 have not been completed.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371;

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it
  - does not identify the application to which it is directed.
- Surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 was not received.

### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:



## • \$130 Surcharge.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Frademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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| DEVICE FOR INSTALLING AN OPTICAL<br>FIBRE IN A SPLICE CONNECTOR | }   |

## RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response mailed August 10, 2007, and received in our office on August 13, 2007, enclosed are newly executed Declarations. Also enclosed, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63, is a copy of the Notification of Defective Response.

Payment of the surcharge for late submission of the Declarations in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 7, 2007

Eric J. Green, Reg. No. 32,230

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Eric J. Groei

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# DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

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| This declar   | ation is directed to:   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | The attached application, or  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|   | As amended on 05/04/2006 (if applicable);   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| FULL NAME   | OF INVENTOR(S)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| inventor one;<br>Signature:   | Mary  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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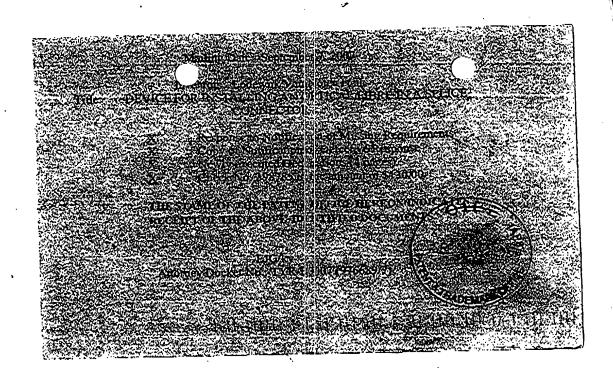
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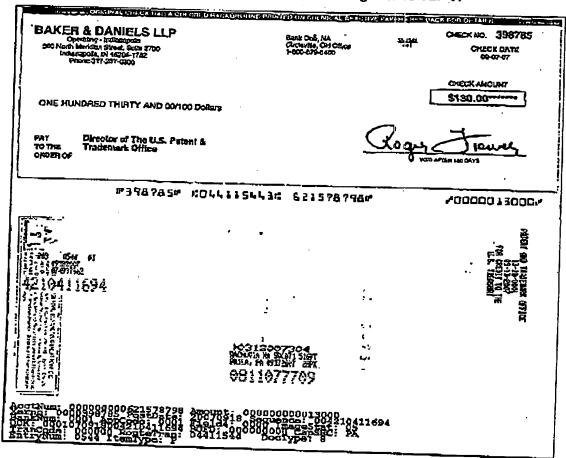
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